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The Amaleur Farmer.

I dreamt of a beautiful time When the world shall happy be! When the elephants and hyenss Shall blossom on every tree; When tamarinds and potatoes Shall cease their dreadful roar, When turnip trees sha'l blossom In the garden for ever more.

I dreamt of a great republic When the people shall all go West, Bow plums and reap tomatoes In the land they love the best; When pig iron and molasses Shall bloom on every hill, And chickens low in the barnyard, While gooseberries toil at the mill.

I'm weary of seeing the cabbage Handle the rake and the hoe; I'm weary of watching and waiting For the grassbopper bush to grow; I long for the time when spinach Shall cope with bread and milk; When hens shall lay potatoes, And horses spin raw silk.

Oh! swee! were the vanished hours When I wandered down the glen, And wreathed my brow with tomatoes, Or plucked the ripened hen; When the donkey twined up the trellis, And the cucumber chirped in the grass; And the sweet potato whistled To its mate in the mountain pass.

But gone are the days of childhood, And manhood's dreams are mine; Yet I long for the the by-gone hours, As I sit 'nonth this Turkish vine. Oh! wreathe your blossoms about me, And soothe my aching breast; While gooseberry plaintively warbles

And lulls me into rest.

MADELINE.

All the girls who were leaving school carried with them anticipations of a gay winter, a round of parties, balls and operas. Not so with Madeline Delanney. The dying will of her father made her aunt's house her home, for the years between eighteen and twenty-one, and if Madeline had been unwilling to comply she would still have gone, so great was her respect for her father's memory.

Mrs. Chathard was an invalid and her family consisted only of her son-a man over thirty and said to be eccentricand the old family servants. Decidedly not a very brilliant prospect for Made-

It was a sullen autumn day when Madeline rode, for the first time, up the avenue leading to her aunt's house. She saw a gray sky, flying clouds, and a white beach on which the sea beat heavily in, and standing in the midst of a cluster of pines was a low, massive building, that might have been a prison, and possibly was a house. No one came to the door to welcome her. Mrs. Chathard was in the library, and begged that Madeline would come to her there. She found her lying on the sofa, busy with some sort of knitting-a sallow, delicate, fretful woman.

"No," she said, shrinking back, as Madeline showed a disposition to kiss her; "no one but Frederic has kissed me for years. Don't commence. I am a creature of liabit; I don't like to be disturbed in any of my regular habits. I only come down to-day on your account, and it has quite unnerved me. I shall not try again. I must have perfect repose. Frederic comes to see me morning and evening; that is as much as I can bear."

With that, Madeline was waved off to her room, where indignation supplanted a strong desire to cry, and curiosity of things, you will amuse me. You cangradually got the better of both. It was not help yourself." really, she decided, on looking about her, a pleasant room, with crimson curtains and furniture and a deep window looking out on the sea. There was a bureau, with a great many little drawers, and she pleased herself with arranging them mentally. There was a vase of flowers that spoke of a conservatory; she had seen that the library was well filled; a pretty piano occupied a recess in her room.

"I shall pass my time very tolerably," thought Madeline, resignedly. "I wonder what my cousin is like."

Perhaps this last thought had some influence in her toilet, else why should self and proceed with her studies. It she have braided her hair and put on her most becoming dress? It was hardly to be supposed that her charms would come it was in a ghostly fashion. She bles, as they would lavender water. By European ports to New Orleans, Mobile it is now covered by huge glaciers, and have much effect on the quiet parlor was bending over a book and looking regulating the dose victims could be maid who alone was in attendance. Madeline ate her supper with curling

lip and a stormy brow.

"He is a barbarian! I know I shall hate him!" was her inward comment. "He must have known that I would be volt. Words hovered on her lips that, here. He xiight have been civil. How- cool as he was, could not but have placed

room where she used to sit with her girl her. friends, reading and talking, so different from this great, silent, handsome house, tears that night.

the parlor where Madeline was sitting, I am so lonely; and I think, if you work-basket in hand.

"Mr. Frederic is at home," said she, "and Mrs. Chathard thinks it proper that I should sit in the room;" with which explanation she walked over to the extreme end of the apartment and vanished behind the curtains of the bay Madeline curled her lip slightly at

these prudential preparations, and went on with her reading, trying to convince herself that her heart was not beating fast. She heard a quick, masculine step without in the hall, heard it come in the room and advance towards her, but did not raise her eyes till he stood directly before het. She had hard work to repress her surprise, he was so little like what she had imagined. Not old-for if he was really thirty, he by no means looked his age-not tall, thin and sallow; on the contrary, small, though well formed, with an abundance of hair; large blue eyes that should have belonged to a woman, so evenly arched were the brows, so long were the lashes, so soft, so almost suffering, their expression; clear-cut features; teeth that showed white and even through his thick moustache; a gentle, quiet, assured manner, neither austere nor frownish, as Madeline had imagined, but that of a gentleman and a man of the world.

apparent incivility; "Important busi- the next day Madeline watched for him, ness," that much-endured scapegoat, had | but in vain. detained him-he was extremely sorry.

But Madeline, who had no patience with his lame excuses, interrupted him

evident that your sorrow is of the deepest dye. Your countenance bespeaks it." Mr. Frederic opened his eyes wide and sat down. Hitherto he had seemed un-

decided on the question. "So, then, you are really offended, and I shall have to make my peace. It will the infection."

give us something to talk about." "Is there really any necessity for talk-

more indignantly. have sat occasionally with you, by way going in at all; but if he should die with-I say yes! There is something original She went in trembling. He was alone Worms out of the country." glimmer; but whatever it is, I will de- hollow, reproachful eyes.

"You leave my individuality out of ac- tion. ount, I think."

my amusement."

"Amusement! We share the same

go to church with me to-morrow, You fection." will see and be seen of all the magnates. They will forthwith call upon you; you you will go to solemn tea drinkings; you | world shan't drive me from you!" will talk to Captain Fanway and Sir Peter Farquhar, the two eligibles of the and wish yourself home with me. Even love me as I do you!" a bear like me will prove more endurable than those unmitigated young men. You will talk with me, and in the nature

"I have other resources," answered Madeline, loftily. "I have arranged a dramatic course of study."

Mr. Chathard laughed.

"Try it, my dear cousin, by all means, It is the most enchanting thing in the world-in prospect. Try it, I say again: and remember, I shall be very happy to aid you if any difficulty occurs-which, though it is to be presumed, is not pos-

With which he took himself off, leaving Madeline, piqued and curious. She had ample time, however, to recover hergave her a chair near him.

Madeline's hot blood leaped up in reever, I shall do very well without him." an effectual barrier between them. And getting a book from the library Something arrested them. A pained shelves, she sat herself down resolutely look was in his eye, anguish about his to read. But try as she would, her mouth, showing dimly through the mask thoughts wandered back to the pleasant of cynicism. A new impulse possessed

"Cousin;" she said, gently enough, "why should we be at war? We are of I am afraid the contrast was not too the same blood, and I think we are alike favorable, for her pillow was wet with in one thing at least-that we are both But the latter had no fancy to form a alone. Why, good each other with bit-A week passed away. During that tor words? Would it not be better to time Madeline saw Mrs. Chathard once help each other? I don't ask nor offer tion of antidotes, prevented the hus--that was all. The rest of the time she any confidence; only if there could be a band's death. She was at length detected passed in solitude, till Saturday evening, liking, and a friendship between us, let in her practises and perished on the when the prime old housekeeper entered it develop itself. Let us not hinder it. scaffold.

would let me, that I should like you." "I swore once," he said never to trust

mankind, still less womankind, again." ness and goodness."

"How dare you ask me? In whom shall I trust?" "In me." "A girl-a child, that doesn't know

even the meaning of things about her, much less her own heart?" "I know one thing; the truth that I feel within me. That never dies, and never fails. Only try me, cousin. I

long to do you good."

"I believe you do," he said, much softened. "I believe, with all of my innocent fervor, you do wish it. I will trust till I see that you, too, are going to deceive me. Will you take the responsibility?"

Madeline held out her hand, and so there was a truce between them. Every night they studied and talked under the hope the Tigers will commence the good supervision of the prim housekeeper, and at last he fell into a way of taking a just addressed you has the blood of my morning walk with her in the garden and | slain calf still on his lips." riding with her to several parties and always to church, and the neighborhood held up its hands in astonishment.

Months passed away. Very peaceful, so bold that I hardly stand a show nowhappy ones they were. But one evening adays to find a carcass for myself." He opologized easily enough for the he failed to make his appearance. All

with a keen pang, "and did not tell me." One week passed-two-three. Sus pense grew unendurable. She ventured Pray, spare your regrets, it is quite an inquiry of the prim housekeeper. "Mr. Frederic is not far away-he's is

"Ill! Why was I not told? I will go

and see him at once!" "He has the typhus fever, Miss; and Mrs. Chathard ordered that you should show it after a spirited fashion. Good. on no account be admitted, for fear of

Madeline left the housekeeper without another word, and went straight to ing at all?" demanded Madeline, still Frederic's room. She was not very sure of its locality; for it was in the other "A few minutes ago I thought not. I wing of the house, a place where she had intended to have gone through the ne- never ventured. She was, however, excessary formalities, and after that to ceedingly doubtful of the propriety of of keeping you in countenance; but now out her, would propriety' console her? about you; it may be only a spark, a and awake. He turned towards her,

"Are you better?" was the first ques-

"Yes; but why have you left me alone "Not in the least. I count on it for so long? I thought that you cared for self and sacrifice whatever was good for

"I do, I do. I never knew. I waited blood, Mr. Chathard. I think you should and wondered, and grew sick at heart. know something of the will which is No one told me, and to-day I asked, I or fowl who is willing to begin this reamong our heirlooms. I doubt if Ishall was too proud to do it before. I thought form campaign by sacrificing personal choose to serve even a Chathard as you had gone away, after the old fashion, gains please stand up." without telling me. Then they said I "You will have no choice. You will musn't come to you for fear of the in-

"There is danger! Go away at once!" hat please stand up." "I will not. Why should I not share will go to make a round of dreary visits; danger with you? All the orders in the

He turned towards her with sudden animation, seizing her hand, looked parish; and when you have talked over earnestly into her face, and said: "My the weather, you will begin to fidget little darling, I really believe that you

And from that moment he mended, spite of doctor's physic, and the sombre old house is gay enough under the blithe supervision of the young mistress, Mrs. Frederic Chathard, or Madeline.

Celebrated Poisoners. At one time, poisoning was largely named La Spaza and Tophania, who were both executed. The latter confessed that she had been instrumental common a thing did poisoning become, was three mortal weeks before he pre- that fashionable ladies kept bottles of sented himself again. When he did this fatal water upon their dressing tamonth, or a longer period, as suited the "Talk!" he said imperatively. "I am plans of the poisoners. In England Rouse, the Bishop of Rochester's cook. Madame de Brinvilliers, a young and beautiful Frenchwoman of most engaging manners, ran a distinguished career as a slow poisoner. By the advice of her husband, she leagued with a poisoner by the name of Saint Croix, to despatch her father and brothers, that she might inherit their property. The fellowship of crime inspired her with a guilty passion for her accomplice, and she afterward sought to poison her husband that she might marry Saint Croix. closer connection with this wicked woman, and, by the secret administraA FABLE.

How the Coon Presided. Once upon a time there was a general assemblage of fowls and animals, called "Unsay the rash oath," she said together to discuss the question of reeagerly. "It shuts you from all happi- from. The Tiger shed tears over the wickedness of the Rabbits, the Hyena wept at the rapacity of the Vultures, and the Wild Cat pressed his paws to his aching heart and sighed over the villainies perpetrated by the Rats and Mice. A venerable old Coon was made chairman of the meeting, and after clearing his voice he began :

"My friends, there is great need of retion at racehorse speed. Speak, brothers, speak, and let us have a full and frank

"I am for reform," said the Tiger as he rose up. "I see the Coons out every night, stealing corn and raising old Ned generally, and I hope they may be brought to see the error of their ways." "Reform is my watchword," began the Buffalo as he secured the floor, "and I

"It is my opinion," began a veteran old Hyena, "that reform is most needed among the vultures. They have become

work in their midst. The Tiger who

"And since men have taken to carrying guns and swords I hesitate to attack them," said a Wolf. "I move you, Mr. "He had gone away," she thought, Chairman, that it is the sense of this meeting that men no longer go armed." "Hear what I have to say," pleaded

> the Wild Cat. "I move that the Panther be censured for cating flesh.' "And my friend the Cow should be forced to let grass alone," observed an

Elephant." "In order to get the sense of the meeting I move that we no longer eat flesh,"

observed a Deer. "I move to amend by substituting the word 'grass,'" promptly responded a

der and said: "My friends, let us begin our by routing out the Serpents,"

my cave to a family of Serpents at excellent cash figures. Let's drive the "But we feed on Worms," chirped a

hundred Birds. "Drive them out and we'd starve!"

Thus they continued, each one anxious to preserve whatever was good for himhis neighbor, until the Coon cut the dis-

cussion short by saying: "Order! Order! Now, then, any bird

Everything continued to sit.

"Well, then, any one willing to begin the reform at home and under his own No one stood up.

"I think we have bitten off more than we can chew," said the Coon as he laid down his gavel. "This is a very wicked world, and there is great need of reform, the meeting.

reform should commence at home.

Florida Ship Canal.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says: Now that the Philadelphia capitalists, who are about to reclaim the immense practised in Italy. The most celebrated tracts of land in the state of Florida, of the Italian poisoners were two women known as the "Everglades." have completed their contract with that state, it main features of the gigantic scheme is in poisoning six hundred people, during the building of a ship canal across the ica. a life of seventy years. Her poison was state of Florida. This project almost colorless and tasteless, and could not equals in importance that of reclaiming be detected. It was put up in phials the twelve million acres of the richest say, these countries would have long and labelled by her "Manna of St. land in the world, south of the frost and dreary winters. They enforce their Nicholas," though it was usually known belt. A ship canal across the state of theory by a reference to Greenland. respect an' esteem of all who meet him; by her own name as Agna Tophania. So Florida has been the dream of engineers The climate of this country was once for many years. It would not only mild, its summers delightful, and its pray for him. When he crosses ober shorten the distance between the Ameri- surface covered with a rich verdure, can ports on the Atlantic coast and all from which its name was derived. But and all shipping points on the Gulf of is almost uninhabitable. weary and strangely dissatisfied. He despatched in a week, a fortnight, a Mexico, but it would avoid the flangers to navigation which are experienced on the countless keys and coral reefs off seventeen persons were poisoned by the Sonthern and Southwestern coast of the coast, and diffused a genial warmth. Florida. All ship captains know of this danger, which is often aggravated by hurricanes, which are common to the southward of Florida, but which are comparatively unknown on the west coast, in the region of Tampa Bay. It pen to England from a similar cause.is well known that a number of New York capitalists have been endeavoring for some years to get a charter from the state of Florida to build a ship canal, but the Philadelphia company, with a great deal of shrewdness, have got ahead tion, the Florida canal must at once attract the attention of the capalists, not only of America but of Europe.

brella now than four weeks hence,

A Bad Elephant. Few showmen, says a New York letter, envy the Canadians who bought Emperor at Barnum's sale a few months ago, and predictions are made that the vicious brute will raise mischief before he gets through the season in Canada. It has been about a year since Emperor traveled. His nature is so treacherous and

his temper so violent that the keepers dread to have him around, and he was lent to the Central park collection. He was kept chained up after he went to the park, but even then he made vicious lunges at people and came near killing form. We are drifting down to perdi- a keeper. Superintendent Conklin had a great iron cage made, and Emperor was put in that. The cage had no bottom, and one day Emperor rushed at a man at whom he was offended, and carrying the cage along with him pinned the man against the partition. Long iron rods now rivet the cage pat to the stone floor, and Emperor's capacity for mischief is very limited. For several months Emperor has been on his good behavior. His head droops meekly, and no trace of viciousness can be seen in his mild, blinking eyes. The keepers wonder what he is going to do next, and do not abate in their wariness.

Mr. Conklin had Emperor out for an airing two or three times during winter. The neighborhood of the menagerie was first cleared of visitors, and then the old fellow was led around the buildings with a chain. He showed no emotion of any kind at this glimpse of freedom.

The question of a keeper for the comng season was at first a perplexing one to Emperor's purchasers. Old keepers all over the country know the beast by sad experience or reputation, and have declined, with thanks, proffers of situa-

"Don't touch that elephant; he'll kill the whole of you," wrote one man. "He broke my arm and collar-bone in 1876, and I don't want anything to do with him." One writer was earnest in his appeal to the owners not to trust Em-Amendments and resolutions were peror under any circumstances. Other coming in like the Pacific Express, when keepers had reminiscences of fractured the old Coon in the chair called for or- ribs and legs to relate in explanation of their declinations. An experienced keeper has been engaged, however, and by some it is believed that Emperor's "No! no!" protested a Fox, "I lease | fit of sulks is over, and that he will be a good elephant all summer.

Vengeance Upon a Mule.

Old Silas was a very revengeful man. Now, Silas owned a mule, and one day the mule raised his hind legs and smote Silas, whereupon the old man sat upon the barn floor and wept. Suddenly he smiled, and seizing a grain sack he filled it with sand and rocks, and tied a leather apron around it. Then he hung it down from the beam right behind the mule. A shudder passed over the animal, but he nerved himself and let fly. He sent the bag to the roof, but the recoil struck him with surprise, not only once but two or three times. The mule was astonished, shocked! He wasn't used to being kicked back. Old Silas laughed until tears ran down his cheeks. The mule kicked again and the bag kicked back. They kept up the contest all day, and towards evening the mule showed but when Tigers set out to reform signs of weakening, but old Silas was Hyenas and Wild Cats find fault with not satisfied yet. He went to bed, and a third trial on the 15th of this month, the doings of Wolves it's time to dismiss during the night he heard the mule but on the 7th George broke his neck. braying for mercy, but his heart was And now the girl is heartbroken. hardened. When he went to the stable Charity may begin next door, but in the morning the sand bag was as fresh as ever, but the mule had laid down in despair and was dead-died of a broken heart.

A Change of Climate.

Scientific men say that the mild climate of England and France is due to the heated waters of the Gulf Stream, which add several degrees to the average is no longer a secret that one of the temperature, compared with the same latitudes on the eastern shore of Amer-

If the course of the Gulf Stream should be changed, so the scientists The change, they think, has been oc-

casioned by a change in the current of the Gulf Stream. It once flowed near reefs on the Florida shores, the waters de need of more orfun asylums, but he of the Gulf Stream were deflected from won't put down a shillin' in money. He the Greenland coast, and its climate became arctic. A similar change may hap- a boy fifty cents for breakin' a two shil-Youth's Companion.

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St. Louis chillblains are the worst in market. Chicago drug stores aim to make 400

per cent. profit. A \$500,000 grain elevator is to be erected in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Legislature of West Virginia adourned until the second Wednesday in January, 1882.

Poets who have written most of the sea have been awful careful to make their journeys by land.

A St. Louis preacher has made himself unpopular by preaching against second marriages. Talmage says a person can be too en-

thusiastic on the subject of religion and do the cause much injury. The Czar of Russia has been put out of the way, but will his son show the Ni-

hilists any favors for their crime? F. M. Crowley, a porter in the New York postoffice, has been detected steal ing valuable letters and held in \$5,000 bail for trial.

A steam cotton mill, on a large scale, will be built immediately in Charleston, S. C., the capital, \$400,000 having been promptly subscribed.

The new bridge over the Tay, in Scotland, is estimated to cost three million and a half dollars.

A marble worker in Madison, Ind., has been convicted of defacing tombstones in the cemetery in order to create business for himself.

The police commissioners of Cincin-

nati are charged with having been paid as much as two thousand dollars a month by the gamblers as blackmail. The public debt of the United States is \$68 per head; of Spain, \$154; of France, \$136; of England, \$136; of

Holland, \$114; of Canada, \$28; of Mexico, \$89; of Switzerland, \$2. LETTER-HEADS. The Boston Post accounts for the New Yorkers paying higher salaries than any other city to their ministers by the fact that it's a heap more work to save BUSINESS CARD 3.

a New Yorker than any other man. A party of seven Zulus, intended for exhibition purposes, have arrived in New York. There are two women and five men. Their dress is so scant that it scarcely complies with the demands of

George Thomas was to wed Annie Severn in Cairo last September, but two days before the date fixed he broke his leg. In January they tried it again and she broke an arm. They were to make

Singing cats, roof perambulators o' nights, are common enough; in fact, too | when I am dressed in clothes he never numerous for comfort; but who ever heard saw before, by his nose alone. Let me of a singing dog? John Webb, of Jef- get myself up in a theatrical costume fersonville, Pa., has a common cur which and cover my face with a mask, yet he has actually been taught to know one will recognize me at once by some, to us key in music from another, and will sit by a piano and sing in his peculiar language and never make a discord. Eminent musicians say it is wonderful.

Bro, Gardner's Lime-Kiln Club.

"Doan' be too good," said the old man, as he crossed his hands under his coattails. "I advise you to be good, but not goody-good. When a man reaches a sartin line of goodness he will have de orfuns will bless him an' widders will dat line he will pray fur de poo' wid one hand an' lend money at fifteen per cent. wid de odder. He will shed tears fur his naybur's woes, but leave six inches of snow on his sidewalk fur de public to wade frew. His chin will quiver when he speaks of de poo' heathen in Africa, but his own boys will play base ball in But by the formation of the coral dealley on Sunday. He will weep ober will talk charity by de hour, and charge lin' pane of glass. I doan' want nuffin' to do wid a too good man. When I know a man to be wicked I know how to take him. When I know him to be a goodygoody man my only safety am to let him cently tested near San Francisco to show alone. When you meet a man who am its superior power and the entire safety distressed ober de gineral wickedness of dog's picture of the universe are probwith which it can be used. A cartridge, de world doan' you lend him any money ably just as continuous and distinct as can of it with the same result, and weights his hands together an' rolls up his eyes, were allowed to fall upon the powder down' challenge him to trade horses. without igniting it. In actual blasting Find me a man who weeps bekase de who makes his own home unhappy.

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in the canine mind,-Harper's Weekly. A substitute for India rubberhas been ly" tree of South America,

doubtless coalesce with the other half